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President Bush thanks Airmen

Outlines importance of 'staying the course' in Iraq

By John Scaggs

Air Force Materiel Command
Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio (AFPN) — "The Air Force was critical in liberating the people of Afghanistan, the people of Iraq, and taking the fight to the enemy overseas so we do not have to face them here at home."

Those opening remarks were part of a 40-minute speech delivered by President George W. Bush March 27 at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, which is adjacent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The president's remarks focused on the importance of the United States continuing its mili-

tary and economic aid to Iraq in order to liberate the Iraqi people and remove a regime that threatened free nations.

Air Force One touched down on the flightline at 9:40 a.m. The president was met by Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command. Prior to departing for the museum, President Bush presented the President's Volunteer Service award to 1st Lt. Robert Goodreau, from the Aeronautical Systems Center. President Bush also met with Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez Jr., from the 88th Security Forces Squadron. Sergeant Rodriguez was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received while assigned to Camp Bucca, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Ben Strasser

President George W. Bush discusses the war on terrorism with about 1,100 attendees at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force March 27. President Bush thanked Airmen for their role in the fight against terrorism and outlined the need for continued support to Iraq.



Photo by Al Bright

Upon his arrival at Wright-Patterson, President Bush greets Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez Jr., a recent recipient of the Purple Heart. Sergeant Rodriguez is assigned to the 88th Security Forces Squadron.

Airmen: Warriors above all

By Master Sgt. Steven Goetsch
Air Combat Command
Public Affairs

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (ACCNS) — So, I'm sitting in a traffic jam. It's bumper to bumper. My lane seems stuck, but other lanes are slowly creeping along as I see a steady flow of motorists pass me by.

To keep from going insane, I let my mind wander around and look at things that I normally would not notice. Well the thing that caught my attention was an unusually large amount of cars that had "Support our Troops" stickers on them. I saw yellow ones, red white and blue ones, heck, even a camouflaged one.

This led to me thinking about all of the press I had seen and heard, blogs I have read, surveys that are taken about the unpopularity of the war. Could it be possible? Could an American support our Airmen without supporting the war? Well I preferred to let this question drift by like the fortunate souls in lane two who were making progress. Instead, I focused on the disconnect. Why was there a gap between our Airmen, and our profession? Why are we not viewed as expeditionary? Even after 17 years of continuous combat.

I think there are two big reasons that feed this gap. The first reason is

a positive thing. Today's Airmen are professionals that not only live and work in their communities, but they are soccer coaches, meal deliverers, carpoolers, teachers and volunteers. Wherever Airmen are stationed around the world, rest assured their impact in the community is felt.

That leads the public to view you as a "nice guy", and an important part of your community. They feel bad for you when you get deployed and rejoice when you return. They humanize you, and that isn't a bad thing because they view you as a friend and a neighbor, and that is not only part of being an Airman, but a responsible citizen.

The other thing that contributes to the gap of understanding is something I feel Airmen could do better. They don't always take advantage of telling the public what they do for the Air Force, and how important their job is to fighting the Global War on Terror.

Picture yourself in your driveway, washing your car on a beautiful day and your neighbor comes and starts washing his. He asks you, "What did you do this week?" He just set the table for you to tell him about the exercise you had, or the inspection you just completed. Not only is it important to give him information about his Air Force, but tell him the reason you do those things keeps your war-fighting skills proficient and sharp. It's that

proficiency and attention to detail that enables you to not only perform your wartime tasks, but lets you return to your community and your troops as well.

He might have lived on that block for a decade and thought the only thing that happened on base was training sorties. Most people are curious, but not many ask questions. I don't know why. Maybe they don't want to talk shop, or they think it is top-secret spy stuff that you need to protect with your life.

Of course keeping operation security in mind, there are always great opportunities to educate the public in not only your local mission, but the Air Force's mission of providing Global Vigilance, Reach and Power for the defense of their country. The way the Air Force goes about providing for the security of the United States is a great ice-breaker.

Sharing the Air Force story is easy. You just have to know your mission and how that mission ties into the Global War on Terror. Bridge that gap of understanding so the public knows you what you do and why you do it. Airmen are dynamic, and the public wants to hear what you've got to say. So in addition to being that great neighbor, that troop leader or that coach, you need to make sure they realize above all, you're a warrior.

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Guard rehearses response to airliner crash

By Capt. Gabe Johnson
162nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tucson's Air National Guardsmen at the 162nd Fighter Wing honed their skills during a major accident response exercise here March 26. The scenario called for base first responders to react to a simulated 737 airliner crash at Tucson International Airport.

The Arizona Guard unit, which resides on 92 acres on the northwest side of the airport, shares security and fire control duties with the Tucson Airport Authority.

"From a training perspective, this validated TIA and the 162nd's ability to handle a mass casualty incident," said Lt. Col. Byran Edmonds, exercise evaluation chief.

"Our firefighters did a good job integrating with Tucson Fire Department, TIA Fire Department, Rural Metro Fire Department and Raytheon firefighters to handle more than 100 casualties," he said.

According to Senior Airman Michael Beller, 162nd firefighter, the exercise afforded valuable experience in the field.

"It was as close to real as you could get," he said. "The actors we had out there knew exactly how to simulate their injuries because they

were all emergency medical technician students from Pima Community College."

The exercise also tested the wing's implementation and operation of an emergency operations center, the new federal government construct for agencies to execute command and control of emergency response.

The EOC was formed under the Air Force Incident Management System, which was implemented Air Force wide in December 2007.

The AFIMS, which was introduced by Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne in 2006, brings Air Force operations in line with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5, which calls for the establishment of a single, comprehensive national system for managing domestic incidents.

"We met all of our goals for this application of the EOC," said EOC Director Lt. Col. Karen Bence. "We had a timely notification and arrival of all of our EOC components, and all the participants were able to exercise their roles and

re-sponsibilities for this incident."

Colonel Bence, who serves as the 162nd Mission Support Group commander, said the wing will continue practicing its emergency response through AFIMS and will expand its use of the system's new communications lines.

"We could tell that this system will help all responding civilian and military agencies relay information using a standardized communication system and terminology," she said.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dave Neve

After a simulated plane crash, Senior Airman Bruce Noble (left) and Senior Airman Michael Beller, firefighters assigned to the 162nd Fighter Wing, work together to evacuate a casualty during a major accident-response exercise at Tucson International Airport March 26.

NEWS

During his speech at the museum, President Bush said Airmen are adding to the tradition of the great aviators honored by the museum.

"The work that today's generation is doing is every bit as challenging, every bit as noble, and every bit as vital to our security as any that came before," the president said. "When the history of this era is written, it will show that the Air Force, and all of America's Armed Forces, performed with unfailing skill and courage. It will show that the United States of America prevailed, freedom advanced and so did peace."

President Bush noted that military achievements in Iraq have been accompanied by a political transformation.

"It can feel like distant history, but it was only five years ago that Iraq was one of the most brutal dictatorships on Earth, a totalitarian nightmare, where any election was a sham and dissenters often found themselves buried in mass graves," he said. "In a matter of 15 months, the Iraqi people reclaimed their sovereignty. They went on to choose an interim government and to ratify the most democratic constitution in the Arab world. And in December 2005, 12 million Iraqis elected a government under that

constitution, a display of courage that defied the terrorists, disproved the critics and should always inspire the world."

The president acknowledged that progress threatened to unravel in 2006, due in part to extremists using violence to create divisions among Iraqis and within the United States.

"We took a hard look at the situation and responded with the surge," President Bush said. "This dramatic shift in policy had two primary goals. The first was to improve security conditions. So I ordered 30,000 additional Soldiers and Marines into Iraq, and gave them a new mission: to focus on protecting the Iraqi people and to hold the gains that had been made."

"The second goal of the surge was to open up space for political and economic progress after security returned," he continued. "So we deployed additional civilian experts and more than doubled the number of provincial reconstruction teams, with a mission to ensure that security gains were followed up by improvements in daily life."

"The surge is doing what it was designed to do," President Bush said. "It's helping Iraqis reclaim security and restart political and economic life. It is bringing America closer to a

key strategic victory in the war against these extremists and radicals."

He noted that Iraq wants to solidify its relationship with the United States and Iraqi leaders have requested to form a long-term strategic partnership.

"This partnership would help assure Iraqis that political, economic and security cooperation between our nations will endure," President Bush said. "This partnership would also ensure protections for American troops when the United Nations mandate for Multi-National Forces in Iraq expires in December."

"This partnership would not bind future presidents to specific troop levels," he continued. "This partnership would not establish permanent bases in Iraq. It would be similar to partnerships that we have with Afghanistan and other free nations around the world. My administration will work to complete this strategic partnership in the coming months. The Iraqi people have chosen to stand with America against our common enemies. And it's in our interest that we stand with them."

In closing, President Bush said Airmen are among the many patriots who uphold America's highest ideals.

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Senior Airman Krista McVicar, 332nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron emergency manager, practices tightening her oxygen mask in Iraq March 26. Emergency managers breathe through oxygen masks and wear protective gear, that will protect them from chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear substances, which may be present during a real-world attack. Emergency management Airmen conduct battle drills to keep their skills sharp and to ensure they are familiar with all required gear. Airman McVicar is deployed from the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron at Davis-Monthan.

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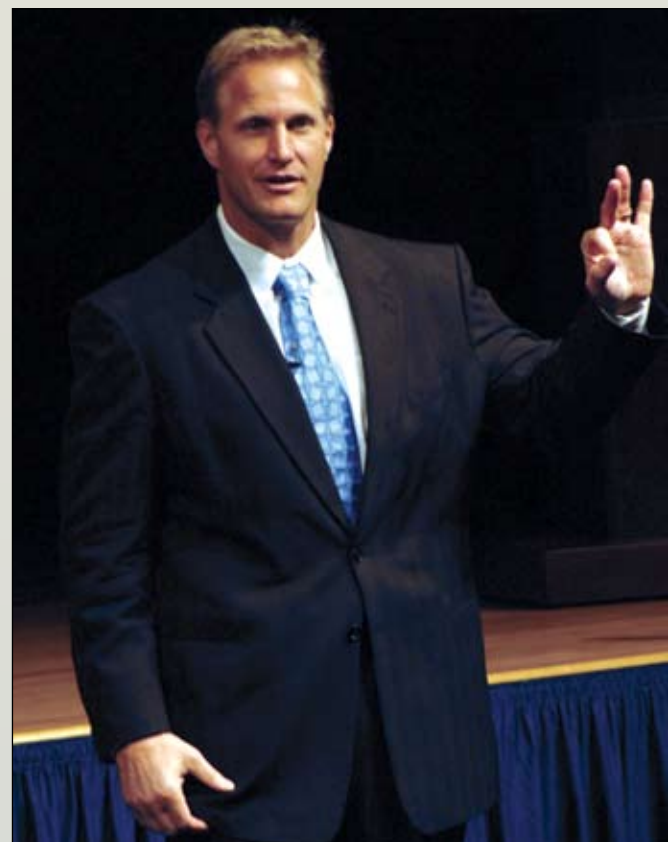
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Former A-10 pilot, Cowboy speaks at Pentagon



Chad Hennings, a former A-10 pilot and Dallas Cowboy, speaks to Airmen at the Pentagon March 27. Mr. Hennings is a motivational speaker and discussed the challenges of balancing career and family as well as his life experiences in the Air Force and the National Football League.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski
Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — Chad Hennings knows teamwork. Chad Hennings knows mentorship. Chad Hennings knows success.

Chad Hennings also knows what it's like to fly an A-10 Thunderbolt II on a combat sortie, win three Super Bowls with the Dallas Cowboys and, most recently, speak with Airmen stationed at the Pentagon.

Mr. Hennings was the guest of Lt. Gen. Raymond Johns Jr., the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs. General Johns invited the Air Force Academy graduate to speak to members of the Air Staff March 27 about challenges in life and managing stress as part of the Air Force Wingman Day program.

"Back in January, I asked my staff what they wanted to do for Wingman Day," General Johns explained. "They suggested we get Mr. Hennings to come speak to us about how he's found success in life. After all, he's an accomplished Airman, a Super Bowl champion and a great motivational speaker."

Mr. Hennings, an Air Force Academy graduate, flew A-10s in the early 1990s in support of Operation Provide Comfort in Northern Iraq before signing with the Cowboys as a defensive lineman. After nine years of playing professional football, he retired from the National Football League in 2001 and formed his own marketing and consulting company. He's also a motivational speaker and uses his experience in the Air Force and the NFL to talk to people about the importance of teamwork, mentorship and what it means to be successful.

"It's nothing new, but teamwork is absolutely es-

sential to an organization," Mr. Hennings told the crowd. "To be successful as a team, everyone on that team needs to focus on accomplishing the team goals. With the Cowboys on the field, we were phenomenal and it was an honor to be a part of that. But off the field, things started falling apart and that chipped away at our performance as a team.

"That's what tore us apart," he said.

In being part of a team, Mr. Hennings illustrated that everyone is a leader, if not by position, than by example. In addition, people need to know their role in fulfilling the organization's mission or goal.

"Leadership is a choice and it's essential to success," he said. "But success isn't necessarily measured by wealth or fame or social status. Success is all about balance."

Mr. Hennings went on to explain that success comes from balancing four things:

- Physical well-being — eating right, regular exercise, taking care of yourself
- Mental well-being — reading and continuing the learning process all through life
- Family — maintaining good relationships with relatives and friends
- Community — giving back to the people in your community

To balance these, Mr. Hennings said he uses his faith as a "filter in figuring things out." He suggested that a person's spirituality, whatever it may be, is an effective way to live a fulfilled life.

"It's not easy to execute, but it's easy," he said.

After sharing his experiences and points of view on life, Mr. Hennings answered questions from the audience on a variety of subjects.

On why he didn't play professional football straight out of the Academy: "It was important to me to fulfill my contract with the Air Force and it matured me as an individual and I was a better football player later for it."

On feeling guilty about not being everywhere at once to help people at work when there are fam-

ily commitments: "One of the hardest lessons to learn is how to say no when there are (less essential) things to do at work, (when) your daughter has a play that night. It's understandable that you want to serve and do what you can, but that's your daughter."

On playing with football legends: "Barry Sanders is absolutely the best running back. Ever."

Longtime Cowboys fan Lt. Col. Mike Bruzzini said he got a lot out of hearing Mr. Hennings speak.

"As a parent, I try to be a good role model for my children and raise them properly," Colonel Bruzzini said. "It was reassuring to hear from someone who's a role model on a larger scale and see him be so humble about it — things like the importance of character development and having a well-rounded vision in life. I really appreciated hearing his perspective."

For Tech. Sgt. Rafael Ruiz, it was great to see someone giving back to the Air Force.

"He's one of us," Sergeant Ruiz said. "He knows what it's like to go through what we go through, so there's a lot of credibility to his message. I liked hearing what he had to say about balancing things in life, like your loves, your work and your faith."

It's important to give back, Mr. Hennings said, especially with how much he got out of being in the Air Force.

"Mentorship has always been a big part of my life," Mr. Hennings said. "I've been fortunate in my success, and I've learned a lot. But I want to give that back to people and hope they can learn some of those things, too."

"One of my favorite things to tell people is that someday they're going to retire," Mr. Hennings said. "You'll look around and say 'What did I do with my life?' and hopefully you've lead a good and balanced life and have something to pass on to the next generation. Your name and character and reputation are what real wealth is all about. That's what you leave your kids that's of real value."



Chad Hennings, a former A-10 pilot and Dallas Cowboy, speaks to Airmen at the Pentagon March 27.

D-M members compete in death march

By Staff Sgt. Tim Beckham
355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Not many people are up for a 26 mile hike, especially when the trek is referred to as the death march. But a group of Comm Cobras proved their worth March 30 as they endured the high-desert terrain in the White Sands Missile Range of New Mexico.

"Assuming how hard the event was going to be, I thought it would be a challenge to find five squadron members to register a team, but it turned out just the opposite," said Capt. Scott Papineau, 355th Communications Squadron director of operations. "Once folks understood the meaning of the march and the chance to challenge themselves, people started raising their hands."

The five D-M members, all from the 355th CS, competed in the Male Military Light category, and it was the first time any of them competed in the event.

"Myself (Team Captain), Capt. Colin Lennon, 2nd Lt. Tyler Steffenson, Tech. Sgt. Charles Crockett, and Airman 1st Class Elliott Stokes started training in January," said Captain Papineau. "We knew we were physically fit to go the distance, the challenge was going the distance in our boots."

The death march, or the Bataan Memorial Death March as it is officially known, is an annual march conducted in honor of the heroic servicemembers who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.

"There are multiple reasons we chose to compete; we wanted to honor the veterans of the Bataan Death March, we wanted to challenge ourselves physically and mentally, and we wanted to do some-

thing as a squadron," said Captain Papineau.

According to the official Web site, the march, which first began in 1989, began when the Army ROTC Department at New Mexico State University began sponsoring the event to mark a page in history that included so many native sons and affected many families in the state. In 1992, White Sands Missile Range and the New Mexico National Guard joined in the sponsorship and the event was moved to the missile range.

Since its inception, the memorial march has grown from about 100 to some 4,000 marchers from across the United States and several foreign coun-

tries. While still primarily a military event, many civilians choose to take the challenge.

The team from D-M placed tenth out of 25 teams in the event in a time of 7 hours 30 minutes, but according to Captain Papineau, just finishing the death march was reward enough.

"Finishing the march was an awesome experience, as soon as we heard the roar of the crowd at the finishing line, we formed up and ran the last 100 yards together, not thinking one bit about how exhausted and in pain we were," he said. "Each team member is completely in awe and proud of themselves having finished such a grueling event."



Courtesy photo

Capt. Colin Lennon, 2nd Lt. Tyler Steffenson, Tech. Sgt. Charles Crockett, and Airman 1st Class Elliott Stokes, all members of the 355th Communications Squadron, compete in the Bataan Memorial Death March in New Mexico March 30. The death march is an annual march conducted in honor of the heroic servicemembers who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health and, in many cases, their very lives.



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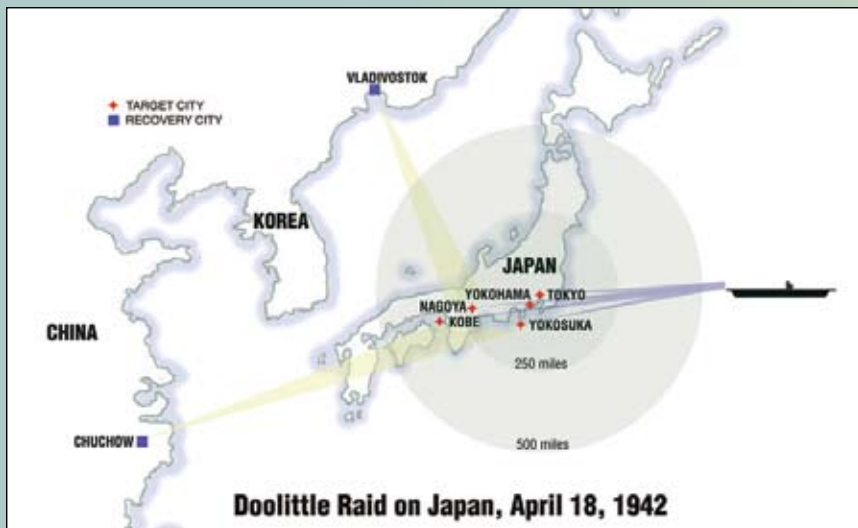
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Leading the Fight — Ever Vigilant “Omnis Vigilantia”

“As Raider One, it is truly an honor and an absolute privilege to lead such a fine group of Airmen. The 612th Air and Space Operations Center performs its mission at the operational and strategic level of war under the commanders of the U.S. Southern Command and 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern). We are the newest of five Falconer AOC weapon systems worldwide. We recently underwent reorganization, where we now have five divisions comprised of combat operations, combat plans, strategy, air mobility, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. Our heritage comes from the Raiders of WWII who performed a tactical mission, executed in a joint manner, at a desperate time for our nation — at great risk, reaping strategic consequences. The new Combined Air Operations Center facility was dedicated last spring, in honor of the leader of the Doolittle raid and the first commanding general of 12th Air Force as the Gen. James H. Doolittle Center. His leadership is best summed up in what he said after receiving the Medal of Honor, giving all of us a great legacy to carry on, “I’ll accept this on behalf of all the boys who were on the raid because they shared the same risk I did, and spend the rest of my life trying to earn it.”

— Col. John “Mars” Marselus

612th Air and Space Operations Center commander



Doolittle Raid on Japan, April 18, 1942

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- Planned, scripted, and evaluated multiple operational
- 2007 23rd Wing First Sergeants of the Year
- 2007 Team D-M First Sergeant of the Year
- 2007 12th Air Force First Sergeant of the Year
- 2007 Four “Below the Zone” promotions
- 2007 Airman of the Year (deployed location)
- 2007 ACC Outstanding ARC Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Officer of the Year
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- 2007 12th AF NCO of the Year
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Maj. Jed Scott, 612th Air and Space Operations Center air mobility division, coordinates support for ongoing and future missions here March 27.



309th Aerospace Maintenance And Regeneration Group

Renewing the Force

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309 AMARG then and now - Group celebrates 62nd year

By Rob Raine
309 AMARG

support of the Korean War.

In 1964 the Secretary of Defense directed the consolidation of all military aircraft storage and disposition facilities into a single entity, resulting in the organization's conversion to the Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center or MASDC.

In 1985, the addition of aerospace vehicles (Hound Dog and Titan II missiles to name a few) as well as MASDC's growing expertise in restoring aircraft to flying status, prompted another name change to the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, AMARC.

In May 2007, AMARC transitioned to become the 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group within the 309th Maintenance Wing at Hill AFB, Utah.

"The change to 309 AMARG represented a positive shift for the Group's workforce - bringing 309 AMARG's world-class products and services together with those at Hill," said Col. Tony Panek, 309 AMARG Commander. "As a result, we're a stronger, more cohesive, more unified command - able to



The 309th Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Group (309 AMARG) began its 62nd year sustaining America's warfighters on April 1, 2008. Occupying four square miles on the eastern side of Davis-Monthan AFB, the Group facility stores more than 4,470 aircraft and 29 aerospace vehicles for the Air Force, Navy/Marine Corps, Army, Coast Guard, and other federal agencies including NASA, the Smithsonian Institute and the U.S. State Department. This aerospace fleet provides a unique savings account from which U.S. and foreign allied militaries and U.S. Government agencies throughout the world may withdraw parts and aircraft now and into the future.



The Army established the 4105th Army Air Base Unit as a storage facility after WWII to store B-29s and C-47s on April 1, 1946.

Tucson's meager rainfall, low humidity, and hard "caliche" sub-soil made an ideal site for aircraft storage. Low moisture minimized deterioration and corrosion, while the caliche (a clay-like sub-soil nearly as hard as cement) permitted the largest aircraft to be parked without replacing the desert surface with concrete or steel parking ramps.

In 1948, the Group's ancestor organization regenerated many C-47s in support of the cargo carrying needs of the Berlin Airlift. Two years later, the unit began regenerating B-29 "Superfortresses" and reclaiming thousands of aircraft components in

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As 309 AMARG moves into the future, its mission will continue to evolve in order to sustain American and allied warfighters by providing on-time delivery and at or below cost, quality products



AFMC Commander visits Group

General Bruce Carlson, Commander, Air Force Materiel Command visited 309 AMARG March 18 and 19. During his visit, Gen. Carlson received in-depth briefings about the Group's F-4 full-scale aerial target (FSAT) regeneration program as well as information about future FSAT opportunities. He also reviewed the B-1B modification site and visited the A-10 service life extension program (SLEP) facilities including 309 AMARG's Maintenance shelter and A-10 Wing Shop (seen left being briefed by Mr. Kenny Armstrong). General Carlson complimented the 309 AMARG Team's "Can-Do" attitude and noted the Group's significant gains since his last visit, two years ago.

309 AMARG: Green conscious and focused on excellence

Col Tony Panek,
309 AMARG
Commander



April being Earth month tends to focus attention on environmental issues, yet serving as good environmental stewards demands a full-time commitment. Everyone plays a role in maintaining the world's environment; it's a shared responsibility, one that our 309 AMARG team understands fully. As good stewards of our environment we contribute not only to the overall health of our Group's workforce, but also to the health of our surrounding community.

Environmental success requires constant vigilance. Air quality, water quality, industrial wastewater discharges, spill prevention, pollution prevention, storm-water runoff and management of hazardous waste are ever-present, year-round challenges – not just concerns during April.

We live in an era where environmental regulations and policies routinely change, sometimes making compliance seem difficult. Common sense goes a long way in achieving and maintaining our environmental leadership role. For example, it makes sense that spills should be reported and cleaned up; that it is improper to dispose of chemicals into the

wastewater system; and that hazardous waste and unused hazardous materials should only be placed in appropriate containers, never in dumpsters.

Environmental quality should always be a leading consideration in work processes. Established work practices build environmental protection into the processes. When environmental regulations change, becoming more demanding, so must work processes and practices change to ensure compliance. Environmental leadership is an opportunity to further demonstrate our commitment to excellence.

So think of 309 AMARG's commitment to the environment as a continuous process improvement, an ongoing environmental Lean event, if you will. We have command direction to reduce our "footprint" in all areas of environmental quality.

The Group is also routinely inspected (no-notice) by the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ), Pima County Waste Water Management (PCWWM), the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as well as the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Although each of these agencies has the authority to issue notices of violation for non-compliance, 309 AMARG has historically returned very positive inspection results. Those inspection results represent the hard work and attention

to detail put forth by every member of the 309 AMARG team, and environmental quality is a team effort.

At 309 AMARG, we have established a solid foundation for our environmental compliance program. We must maintain our focus on the protection of the environment as the right thing to do. Environmental leadership is a part of everyone's job, from the top down. It should be part of our vision, included in our goals, and considered equally with safety, quality, production, cost, and customer satisfaction.

Keep up the fine work, and stay vigilant.



For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for Nature cannot be fooled.

Richard Feynman

US educator & physicist (1918 - 1988)

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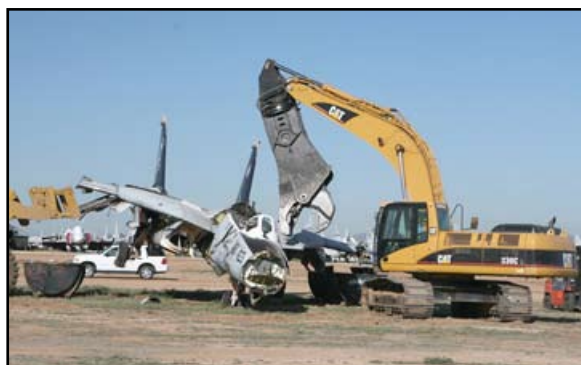
309 AMARG Aircraft Recycling

By Rob Raine
309 AMARG

Although recycling household items really caught on within the past fifteen years, 309 AMARG and its predecessor commands has been in the aircraft recycling business since the command's inception sixty-two years ago.

Like recycling home products, aircraft recycling comes in many forms. Since its beginning, the Group has recycled aircraft in terms of removing and returning useable parts to the services and demilitarizing and disposing of aircraft at the end of their lives – these aircraft are sold by the government for the value of the recyclable metals.

By 1948 the Group began regenerating stored aircraft – removing them from desert storage and returning them to flight. Such aircraft supported the Berlin Airlift as well as conflicts in Korea and Vietnam, foreign allies and other governmental agencies.



Recently, 309 AMARG and the Navy Field Support Office have coordinated the demilitarization of Navy F-14 Tomcats in preparation for their shredding. The aircraft must be completely destroyed to preclude any of their components from being removed and handed off to potentially hostile governments. Demilitarized F-14s leave the Group facility (above) for delivery to Navy contractor which shreds the aircraft.

At the opposite end of the spectrum, the 309 AMARG team has removed the Marine Corps CH-53E (left) from desert storage. The Group team will prepare the aircraft for transfer to the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N.C. where the Marines will rebuild it to like-new condition at a fraction of the cost of a new helicopter.

Although called by more formal names, the operations conducted by the 309 AMARG team equate to – aircraft recycling on a grand scale.



Over-30 Team Champs



The 309 AMARG's "Over-30" basketball team became the regular season champions with their win over the TRS team on March 13.

"Unfortunately," said Coach Erick Perez, "we loss 2 straight in the playoffs but finished respectively 10-3 for the season."

Team members include: Leon Stallworth, Erick Perez, Damon Hammergren, Timothy Robinson, Rodney "Rocky" Smith, Dennis Wells, Timothy McClaughry, Scott McClure, Darryl Holloway, Juan Almader.



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Senior Airman Keith Stark (right) 612th Air and Space Operations Center security office, signs in Maj. Gil Landers, 612th AOC, combat plans division, before he is allowed access to any areas of the secure building at Davis-Monthan March 27. The security office ensures all personnel, who enter the building, have proper clearance.



Staff Sgt. Corin Lewis (right) 612th AOC, Intelligence and Reconnaissance Division Targets team, trains members on proper mapping practices.

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Senior Airman Myrtille Martinez, 612th AOC Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operations Division, updates the ISR database.

Davis-Monthan Enlisted Spouses Association makes donation



Courtesy photo

Peggy Lee, Davis-Monthan Enlisted Spouses Association vice president, gave Retired Chief Master Sgt. Binnicker a \$2,000 check for the Air Force Retirement Village March 6. The group invites all enlisted spouses to their meetings, held every second Friday of the month at 6 p.m. at the enlisted club.

INTRODUCTION

Meet D-M's new Fitness Program Manager

By Guy Leahy
355th Services Squadron

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Guy Leahy. I am the new Fitness Program Manager at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

I hold a Master's Degree in Physical Education (emphasis on Exercise Science) from Western Washington University. I am certified as a Health and Fitness Instructor by the American College of Sports Medicine, and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. I have more than 10 years of professional experience in the field.

Prior to that, I spent the past six years working at a large community college in suburban Chicago. While there, I managed the fitness center, fitness testing and personal training programs. I have also worked at a University in Kentucky. I have previous Air Force experience, as my first position out of graduate school was as the Fitness Program Manager at Edwards Air Force Base.

We commonly use military terms in reference to professional athletes, and like such athletes, I strongly believe Airmen must be in top physical condition to carry out their mission, as true warrior athletes.

I plan to emphasize and develop fitness training programs, which not only help Airmen pass their fitness tests, but optimally prepare them for deployment, since warfare is a far more important test of physical ability than any professional sport.

I also believe that exercise is the fountain of youth.

One of my goals is to strengthen my "exercise is medicine" philosophy. I believe that many health problems can be managed or even prevented by exercise.

Along with my Health and Wellness Center colleagues, we can design exercise, nutrition and wellness programs, which will not only help find that fountain of youth, but make a more physically fit Airman both on and off the battlefield.

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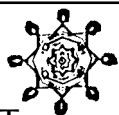


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42nd ECS Change of Command

Lt. Col. Marty Reynolds (right) receives the 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron guidon from the 55th Electronic Combat Group Commander Col. Mark Haskins during a change-of-command ceremony at Whiskey Ramp on Davis-Monthan March 29. Colonel Reynolds was previously the squadron's director of operations.

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By 355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

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John Levitow Award
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Distinguished Graduate and Commander's Award, 12th Air Force (Air Forces Southern)

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355th Aerospace Medical Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Michael Mikes
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355th Fighter Wing

Tech. Sgt. Travis Main
Distinguished Graduate
355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Dooley
55th Electronic Combat Group

Tech. Sgt. David Guy
43rd Electronic Combat Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Geoffrey Lamson
25th Operational Weather Squadron

Tech. Sgt. David Archer
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Tech. Sgt. Sean Williams
Distinguished Graduate and Commander's Award, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron

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News Notes

Holocaust Day of Remembrance

Holocaust survivors and members of the Davis-Monthan community will gather on base April 16 at the Desert Lighting Officers Club from noon to 1 p.m. for a Holocaust Remembrance Observance luncheon. Before the luncheon the Holocaust survivors will be sharing their compelling and tragic stories from WWII at the Kennedy Professional Development Center from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m. Admission is free, however, seating is limited so seats must be reserved through the base chapel at 228-5411. Tickets for the luncheon are also available at a cost of \$15 through the base chapel. For more information, or to reserve seating or tickets for the luncheon call the chapel at 228-5411.

NARFE luncheon

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 55, will hold their monthly luncheon meeting April 14 at the China Star Restaurant at 4780 East Grant Road in Tucson (Southeast corner of Grant and Swan). The luncheon starts at 11 a.m. and will be followed by a program and business meeting from noon to 1:30 p.m. This months presentation will cover reverse mortgages, savings and taxes. Current and retired Federal employees, their spouses, guests and visitors are welcome. The cost for lunch (meal with beverage, tax and tip) is \$9.38 and \$8.03 without a beverage. For more information, call 751-2017 or e-mail June Berkey at narfe55vp@cox.net.

Finance office closure

The 355th Comptroller Squadron, including finance customer service, will close at 11:30 a.m. April 11 for an official function. Finance will resume normal operating hours April 14. If an emergency arises, call Sergeant Violette at 576-3283.

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Davis-Monthan worship schedule and events

Catholic

- Saturday Mass at 5 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Sunday Mass at 9:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Monday through Friday — 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.

Protestant

- Traditional service is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Desert Lightning Fellowship (Contemporary Service) is Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Inspirational Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Children's church will be held for young children (at parents' discretion) during each worship service.

Dorm Worship service

- CBNR (Church But Not Really) — This worship service meets in the Ground Floor day room, Dorm 3500, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Stop by at 5:30 p.m. for a home-cooked meal.

Protestant Youth of the Chapel

A new group is being formed for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. The group will meet weekly on Sunday's at the Youth Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Festival of Hope

The base chapel is hosting a Festival of Hope Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the chapel parking lot. Activities for the entire family will be provided. Events include live Christian music, activities for the kids and a puppet show.

Waiting Warriors

Waiting Warriors is a volunteer-lead support program which is open to spouses who have a loved one in the military of any branch and rank. The program offers support before, during and after deployment. A children's program called "What about me," is included in the program.

Waiting Warriors and "What about me" meets every other Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hope Chapel. For more information call 228-5411 or e-mail waitingwarriors@yahoo.com.

PWOC Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel join for music, fellowship and Bible study every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Annex. Children's ministry is provided.

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